

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application with claims 1 and 18 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Chiba, which is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent includes a combination of elements and has been amended to clarify that the selectively converting step selectively converts the data in the source representation to the data in the destination representation based on an idiosyncratic destination profile of a destination apparatus represented by the destination representation automatically and without receiving a specification of a conversion form of the data in the destination representation from a user. Independent claim 18 includes similar features in a varying scope.

These features are supported at least by the non-limiting example shown in Figure 6 and described in the specification at paragraph [0034]. For example, Figure 6 illustrates a block diagram of an overall system applying the present invention. At left, source devices 601, 602 may generate images in their respective idiosyncratic profiles for transfer via transfer facility 603. In the middle, data management is executed through facility 604 that comprises server facility 605 and data base facility 606, which will bidirectionally interface with transfer facility 603. At right, destination facilities 607 and 608 will receive images according to their respective idiosyncratic destination profiles from the transfer facility 603. The user does not enter a

specification of a conversion form of the data in the destination representation. That is, the conversion is performed automatically based on the idiosyncratic destination profile of the destination apparatus represented by the destination representation automatically and without receiving a specification of a conversion form of the data in the destination representation from the user.

This differs from Chiba, which specifically describes receiving the specification of the conversion form of the data from a user (see the abstract and column 2, lines 35-47, for example). Thus, the user has to first determine the conversion form, and then enter this information along with the request for the document. This is particularly cumbersome especially for users that are not completely familiar with the variety of different conversion specifications. That is, the background of the present application specifically describes the problems with destination devices having widely varying requirements for presenting a document (see paragraphs [0003] and [0004]). The present application also describes the particular advantages achieved by converting the data without the user being required to enter the conversion format specifications (see the last paragraph at page 6 of the present application). Chiba does not teach or suggest the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 1 and 18 and each of the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

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Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David A. Bilodeau Reg. No. 42,325 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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